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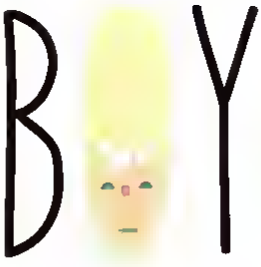

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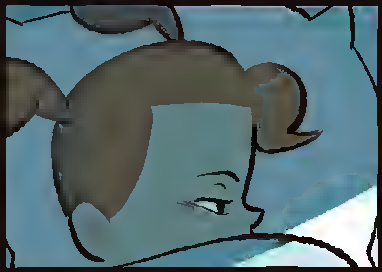
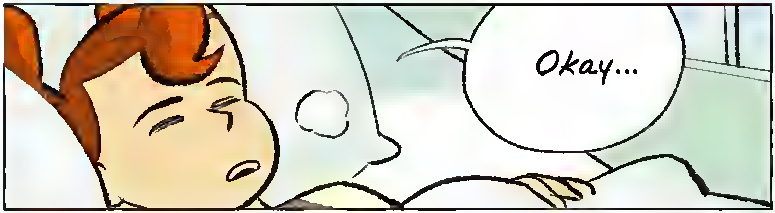



Okay...

Nighty night!

SHSS!

Don't forget, Amy...

Nurses' Office
I don't set it, Cassie.
You wore less than I did last night, and you didn't get sick.
Unfortunately, not everyone can be like me, sweetie.

What happened? Are you alright?
Don't forget...
Don't forget what, Pammy?

Amy, I...

Come on, let's get you home.
I'll brew you some chai tea with ginger root. And I'll make some soup.
The more fluids you drink the faster you'll get better.
Mom...

Mom...
Amy!
You're awake!
I was having the weirdest dream...
It was probably a fever dream.
You're burning up.

sorry!
Things are hard right now, but I know you'll be alright.
You are a strong, intelligent young woman, and I love you.
And no matter what happens I'm going to keep loving you.
Because you're my daughter.

Now then, let's get you home.

Amy...
Hello?
Who's there?
Amy...

SSHSH

Pammy!

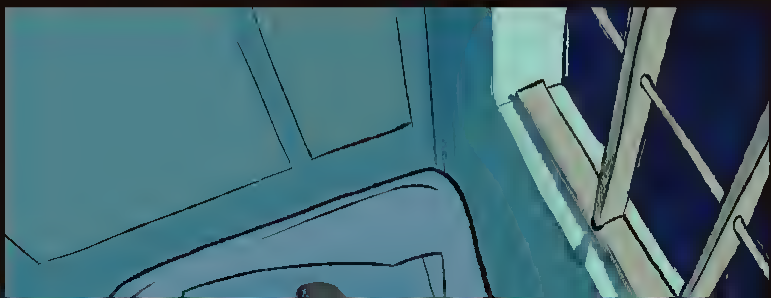
...I love you so much it hurts sometimes.
It hurts to watch you hurt.
I'm sorry...
No! Don't be

Don't forget...
... that you have a bright soul...
...and don't forget that...
that...

That

I'm sorry for yelling at you yesterday.
That wasn't--
That wasn't who I want to be.
I know you were just trying to help.
Because you love me.

Now, you set some rest. David and Zeph are taking care of everything with the nurse.



What?!

...that you're loved.